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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: CGEN, PINS, PFOR, BC, RH

SUBJ: SECOND REPORTED INCIDENT INVOLVING RHODESIAN SECURITY
FORCES ON BOTZAM ROAD

REF: (A) GABORONE 1340, (B) GABORONE 1349

1. AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 17, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ISSUED
A PRESS STATEMENT REPORTING SECOND INCIDENT ON BOTZAM ROAD
INVOLVING RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF
STATEMENT:

QUOTE: THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT AT
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ABOUT 4:00 P.M. ON 14 JUNE 1977, FIVE ARMED WHITE RHODESIAN
SOLDIERS DRESSED IN CAMOFLAGE UNIFORM ATTEMPTED TO STOP A
MOTORIST ON THE NATA-KAZUNGULA ROAD 10 KILOMETERS NORTH OF
PANDAMATENGA. ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD STOOD TWO SOLDIERS
WHILST THE FIFTH MAN STOOD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD
WAVING DOWN THE VEHICLE TO STOP. ON REALISING THAT THE
MEN WERE ARMED, THE MOTORIST SLOWED DOWN TO GIVE THE

IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS COMPLYING WITH THE ORDER, BUT THEN SUDDENLY AND RATHER UNEXPECTEDLY ACCELERATED AND ESCAPED.

IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED ONLY A DAY AFTER ANOTHER GANG OF SMITH'S TERRORISTS HAD ROB-BED THREE AMERICANS OF SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY AND OTHER PERSONAL BELONGINGS IN THAT AREA AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME OF THE DAY. THE REBEL FORCES ARE OBVIOUSLY ENGAGED IN A CAMPAIGN OF TERROR AGAINST INNOCENT TRAVELLERS WITH-IN BOTSWANA. AS IT IS CLEAR THAT THESE VIOLATIONS OF OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY ARE ON THE INCREASE, APPROPRI-ATE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO DEAL WITH THIS NEW WAVE OF TERRORISM. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS WARRANTED.HOOVER

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